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Cuba: Fidel Castro's running feud with the pro-Moscow Latin American Communist parties is entering the stage of public recriminations.

The dispute revolves around the wisdom of employing "armed struggle" tactics in Latin America. Cuba has increasingly insisted that revolution can be achieved only through guerrilla warfare, while the pro-Moscow Communists favor continuing their more peaceful "popular front" tactics. Castro's fiery 13 March speech, in which he branded the leaders of the Venezuelan party as "defeatists" and lacking in revolutionary courage, has produced a strong backlash in Latin America.

The Brazilian Communist Party's Central Committee recently approved a strongly worded attack against Castro for working at cross purposes with seven parties.

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The Guatemalan party is also smarting over Cuban advice to the party's fighting arm, the Rebel Armed Forces, to replace conservative party leaders with more militant elements.

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Moscow is increasingly irritated over Castro's tactics, which have split several parties into pro-Moscow and pro-Cuban wings. A Pravda commentator on 9 March indirectly criticized Castro on this score.

Moscow is probably also concerned that its program to improve its relationships with Latin American governments is being adversely affected. For example, Soviet efforts to establish diplomatic relations with Venezuela and perhaps Colombia appear to have been set back by the recent upsurge in operations by pro-Castro guerrillas in both countries.

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NOTES

USSR: The death of Defense Minister Malinovskiy on 31 March does not appear likely to lead to significant changes in Soviet defense policies in the immediate future. The most likely successor is Marshal Andrey Grechko, first deputy defense minister and commander in chief of Warsaw Pact Forces. Grechko has been acting for Malinovskiy during the latter's long illness.

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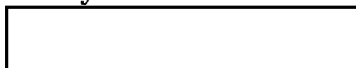
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*Greece: King Constantine consulted with party leaders yesterday and additional talks may be held today. Speculation persists that National Radical Union leader Kanellopoulos may be offered the mandate to form a new government and try to gain Center Union parliamentary support in exchange for amnesty for those involved in the "Aspida" affair. Meanwhile, the situation is generally calm, but security forces have been placed on emergency status.



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